



Councilmember Cynthia A. Sterling  
District Three

# Media Alert

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## **Acting Council President Sterling Attends Governor Schwarzenegger's Special Meeting on Budget Crisis**

FRESNO – Acting (Fresno) City Council President, Cynthia Sterling, District Three, attended an urgent meeting called by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, where she facilitated the introduction of the local elected officials at the Smittcamp Alumni House. The Governor called upon Central Valley city and county elected officials to discuss why he will veto the Democratic budget and to garner their support in rallying the state legislature.

During a private session, the Governor cited the lack of a stimulus package in addition to the imbalance of the budget as his primary reasons for issuing a veto. While he is advocating for the inclusion of a stimulus package, the Governor has not yet determined how the funds would be allocated. He requested that local officials aid him in getting the budget passed by lobbying state elected officials.

The Acting Council President Sterling asked the Governor about local government funding, the Williamson Act, and projects to stimulate the local economy, though he was unable to provide any information on those topics at that time, his office is looking into her questions, and those of the other elected officials.

Additional comments or questions can be directed to Gregory Barfield at (559) 240-2632 or via e-mail at [District3@fresno.gov](mailto:District3@fresno.gov).

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